

Minutes of September 14, 2016
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Jane Kohnen, Bart Phillips, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Diane Moe, Ken Dahler, Stacy Sorenson and Dan Elias

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from August 10, 2016 FNA meeting were reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the Minutes; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. Festival expenses will be reflected next month.

Pershing Park Report: Diane Moe reported:

- Fall sports have begun; 15 soccer teams.
- Winter/spring programs are being planned now.
- New tables, chairs, chair rack and blinds have been ordered.
- The FNA Annual Meeting will be in the multi-purpose room.

Neighborhood and Community Relations: Stacy Sorenson, Neighborhood Specialist with NCR introduced the Board Diversity Survey. Every two years the City reviews the diversity of its own Boards and Commissions as well as that of neighborhood Boards. Stacy passed out a survey for Board members to complete; there will be other measurements, too. A question was asked as to what the City is doing to help with diversification; Stacy noted that they are planning trainings in outreach and are working to better involve their cultural engagement staff. Stacy announced that there would be a NCR Learning Lab about how to better engage renters in October; a location has not, yet, been set, but will be somewhere in southwest Mpls. The next round of funding will be available in 2017-2019. A plan is due by 11/18/16; Fulton will receive approximately \$7,200 more.

Ward 13 Report: Ward 13 Policy Aide Ken Dahler reported:

- Mayor Hodges 2017 budget proposal calls for a 5.5% increase to the property tax levy. This increase is needed to maintain the current level of services, reflects the lack of Local Government Aid, funds the parks/roads agreement and has some additional spending.
- Violent crime is up significantly city-wide, up slightly in the 5th Precinct and is down slightly in Ward 13.
- There were three proposed Charter Amendments for the 2016 ballot, but none of them will move forward:
 - Parks maintenance funding source has been identified
 - Minimum wage of \$15/hour is not an appropriate Charter topic, but may be addressed through ordinance
 - Police Liability Insurance conflicts directly with state law
- There will be a School referendum—this is a continuation of an existing levy and will not be an increase to the tax burden; currently 13% of the MPS budget is funding by the levy.
- The new Director of Public Works, Robin Hutchison, has recently started. CM Palmisano asks the FNA Board to identify its main priorities:
 - Removal of the spillways at York and Washburn
 - Safe crossings at Xerxes & 47th and Drew & 50th

- Concern about lack of coordination on timing of road work with other departments/entities

Calhoun-Harriet Trail and Access Improvements Project: Dan Elias, project manager for MPRB, reported that the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan is in the final stages of being written. Once it is done, it will be released to the public for a 45 comment period and then go to the MPRB Board for final approval. Funding is already in place for some initial improvements and those projects will begin the planning process prior to full Master Plan approval. The focus of the first round of improvements is trail repair and upgrading of pedestrian ramps. Improvements will also be made to the crossings at the northeast corner of Calhoun and the southeast corner of Harriet. Two open houses have been scheduled to solicit ideas and present initial plans on 10/4 and 11/9. The Board expressed concern about safe crossings in a couple of other areas around Lake Harriet. The Board also asked MPRB to come up with ways neighborhood associations can help with water quality and environmental impact such as best practices, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The festival went well on 9/10 and seemed to be well received. However:
 - Some vendors/community partners felt the foot traffic was not good.
 - The bike parade had 50+ kids, but only 6 stayed for the Bike Rodeo. This was partially due to the last minute change in direction for the parade. We could consider hosting a bike rodeo at Open Streets, instead, when people are on their bikes already.
 - Recruiting volunteers was difficult; ask Block Leaders to announce and recruit at NNO.
 - The Silent Auction was successful and made about \$600 more than last year.
- Open Streets on 50th is on 9/25, 1-5 p.m. FNA will have a table and provide entertainment and activities that will attract visitors. Mary will help 1-3 p.m. and Jane will help 3-5 p.m.
- The Annual Meeting is on Oct. 12th. Ruth has invited our elected officials and will contact Friends of Fulton nominees. Bart will ask the grant recipients to do a short presentation.
- The new New Neighbor Welcome Program has now launched and has received positive feedback.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There have no reports in the past 3 weeks.
- Finance: A Funding Request form has now been developed.
- Environment: The committee has been encouraged to think about projects and funding over a longer term rather than only as needed.
- Arts: Getting close to start installing the utility wraps.
- Zoning: No variances.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary